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1. PERMREP SHOULD INFORM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOLBA THAT
WE APPRECIATE ADVANCE INFORMATION ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES HE
INTENDS TO ADDRESS IN HIS ADDRESS TO GC/VI WHICH WILL OPEN
THE GENERAL DEBATE.

2. SOME OF THE ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN REFTL (FOR EXAMPLE,
THE DEGREE OF UNEP FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE SECRETARIAT
OF THE CONVENTION ON ENDANGERED SPECIES) ARE ALREADY AVAIL-
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ABLE IN GC/VI DOCUMENTATION AND, US WILL THEREFORE BE ABLE
TO PROVIDE USG REACTION. OTHERS, HOWEVER, APPEAR TO RAISE
NEW ISSUES AND RELATE TO NEW PROJECTS ON WHICH WE EITHER
HAVE LIMITED INFORMATION OR NONE AT ALL. YET THESE SEEM
TO IMPLY MAJOR ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE OR PROCEDURE WHICH WE
FEEL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD HAVE AMPLE TIME TO CONSIDER BEFORE
BEING REQUESTED TO TAKE BINDING POSITIONS.

3. THIS IS THE CASE WITH REGARD TO HIS PROPOSAL TO COMMIT DOLLARS 500 THOUSAND IN SUPPORT OF THE PERSIAN GULF PROJECT. IN THE ABSENCE OF FULL DETAILS, INCLUDING SOME INDICATION OF THE LONG TERM IMPLEMENTATIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT FUND, WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW GOVERNMENTS CAN TAKE RESPONSIBLE DECISIONS.

4. WE SEE THE SAME PROBLEM WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REFERENCE TO THE FIRST GENERATION OF USSR PROJECTS AND HIS PROPOSAL REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF THE AMOUNTS INVOLVED IN THESE PROJECTS TO PARTICULAR ALLOCATION AUTHORITIES. BEFORE REACTING TO THIS PROPOSAL, WE WILL NEED MUCH MORE INFORMATION ON THE POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION ON RESOURCE ALLOCATION DECISIONS ALREADY TAKEN BY THE PROGRAM.

5. PERMREP SHOULD CONVEY SUBSTANCE FOREGOING TO TOLBA. IF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INTENDS TO MAKE PROPOSALS WHICH INVOLVE ISSUES OF SIGNIFICANT SUBSTANCE, WE AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS NEED TO KNOW SOONEST IN ORDER REACH CONSIDERED DECISIONS AT GC/VI. WHEREVER POSSIBLE, WE BELIEVE THAT SUBSTANTIAL ISSUES ON WHICH DOCUMENTATION HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN CIRCULATED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS, SHOULD BE PREPARED IN ORDERLY FASHION FOR PRESENTATION TO AND DECISION BY GC/VII.

6. COMMENT: RE PARA 4 ABOVE, DEL SHOULD BE AWARE THAT US LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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